

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

Bay Area citizens are invited by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to comment on **proposed amendments** to the **2005 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**. The TIP is the region's transportation spending plan that contains multi-modal projects including public mass transit, highway and local road projects proposed for funding based on anticipated available federal, state and local funding for the 3-year period from federal fiscal year 2004-05 to 2006-07. The 2005 TIP was developed to be consistent with MTC's *Regional Transportation Plan*, which is a 25-year blueprint for transportation projects in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

Each year, prior to receiving grant approval for funds administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), a grantee must comply with certain public participation requirements. Each grantee must make available to the public information concerning the amount of federal funding available and the program of projects the grantee plans to undertake with such funds. The program of projects that the grantees in the MTC region plan to undertake in FY 2004-05 are listed in the first program year of the 2005 TIP. Initial programming of these projects was based on estimated federal apportionments. The proposed amendments to the 2005 TIP are being made to reflect changes resulting from the difference between the apportionment estimates in the TIP and the actual apportionments established by the FY 2004-05 federal appropriations act, and to include additional projects to be financed through federal earmarks.

The public is hereby provided the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the 2005 TIP. This review meets the program of projects requirements as established by the FTA pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 5307(c). A listing of the proposed TIP amendments will be available for public review beginning on Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at the MTC Library, located at 101 Eighth Street in Oakland, California. Additional copies will be provided to major public libraries in each of the nine Bay Area counties as well as all transit operators in the region. The proposed amendments to the 2005 TIP can be viewed on the Internet at <<http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/proposed.htm>>, or you may request a copy from the MTC Library by e-mail at <library@mtc.ca.gov>, or by telephone at 510.464.7836.

A public hearing to receive public testimony on the proposed TIP amendment will be held during MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee meeting, scheduled for:

Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at 10:15 a.m.

or immediately following the Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee meeting,

whichever occurs later, at the

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium

101 Eighth Street, Oakland, California

(opposite the Lake Merritt BART Station)

Written comments must be received by MTC no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2005. Written comments should be submitted to MTC's Public Information Office at 101 Eighth St., Oakland, CA 94607; or faxed to MTC at 510/464-7848; or sent via E-mail to <info@mtc.ca.gov>. After considering public comment, the TIP amendments are scheduled for adoption at MTC's March 23, 2005 meeting. For more information, or for the location of the library nearest you, contact the MTC Public Information Office at 510.464.7787.